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For : **METHODS,  
COMPOSITIONS, AND  
GROWTH AND  
DIFFERENTIATION  
FACTORS FOR INSULIN-  
PRODUCING CELLS**  
Examiner : UNKNOWN  
Group Art Unit : UNKNOWN

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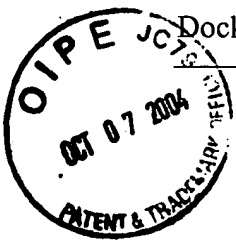
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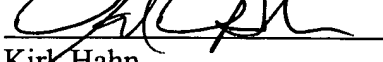
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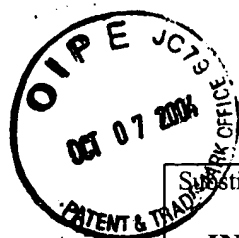
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